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1. AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 29 ON HIS DEPARTURE
FOR UNGA, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER COL. JOSEPH N.
GARBA ASSERTED THAT NIGERIA WOULD HENCEFORTH TAKE "UNCOMPRO-
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MISING" STAND ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT AFRICA AND THE THIRD

WORLD. COMMISSIONER SAID "NIGERIA WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE THE HYPOCRISY OF THOSE WHO PREFER TO SIT ON THE FENCE ON ISSUES THAT ARE OF VITAL CONCERN TO LARGE SECTIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY."

2. PRAISING ROLE PREVIOUS NIGERIAN ADMINISTRATION PLAYED IN INTERNATIONAL ARENA, GARBA LISTED FOLLOWING ITEMS AS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO NIGERIA AT CURRENT SESSION UNGA:

(A) DECOLONIZATION AND APARTHEID (ASKED IF NIGERIA SUPPORTED IDI AMIM'S CALL FOR ARMED STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, GARBA NOTED OTHER COUNTRIES HAD ACHIEVED FREEDOM WITHOUT FORCE AND ADDED "WE SHALL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA WITHOUT THE USE OF FORCE.")

(B) THE MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINE (GARBA SAID NIGERIA WOULD REVIEW QUESTION OF RESUMPTION DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WHEN ISRAEL WITHDREW FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS. HE WISHED EGYPT AND ISRAEL LUCK IN PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT RESOLVING CONFLICT.)

(C) ADMISSION OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM INTO UN

(D) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

(E) DISARMAMENT (REFERRING TO NIGERIA'S INITIATIVE AT LAST YEAR'S UNGA TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA, THE COMMISSIONER SAID NIGERIA IS ANXIOUS TO ENSURE THAT SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT ACQUIRE A "CAPABILITY FOR NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL IN INDEPENDENT AFRICAN COUNTRIES." WHEN SUBJECT OF REPORTED SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR BY WEST GERMANY TO SOUTH AFRICA WAS MENTIONED (REFTELS A, B, AND C) GARBA SAID THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAD ASSURED THE FMG THAT NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN CONCLUDED. THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT SHOULD IT BE LATER DETERMINED THAT WEST GERMANY HAD ENTERED INTO SUCH AN AGREEMENT, NIGERIA WOULD HAVE "...NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO REVIEW ITS RELATIONS WITH WEST GERMANY."

3. COMMENT: WHILE WE HAVE NOT BEEN ADVISED BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WHAT SUBJECTS, IF ANY, GARBA WILL BRING UP DURING HIS SCHEDULED MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER OCTOBER 1, (REFTELS D AND E), THE ABOVE SUBJECTS ARE LIKELY CANDIDATES. THE COMMISSIONER HAS APPARENTLY BEEN BRIEFED.

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